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- 1. FINANCING PROPOSAL, REFTEL A, SUBMITTED BY ITALIAN CONSORTIUM FOR NEW 200 MILLION U.S. DOLLAR KHARTOUM INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT HAS BEEN REJECTED BY MIN OF PLANNING. TERMS OF PROPOSAL, 10 YEAR REPLAYMANT AT 7 1/2 PERCENT, WERE COHPSIDERED TOO HIGH. MINISTRY WILL CONTINUE TO USE TECHNITAL-MEFIT DESIGN FOR PLANNING PURPOSES WHILE CONSORTIUM ATTEMPTS TO FIND CONCESSIONARY FINANCING.
- 2. MIN OF PLANNING OFFICIAL TOLD COMMOFF THAT NEW INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT IS NOW SECOND PRIORITY IN UP-COMING SIX-YEWW PLAN AND THAT UNLESS ITALIAN CONSORTIUM CAN ARIINGE FINANCING, THIS PROJECT WILL RECEIVE LITTLE ATTENTION UNTIL SECOND YEAR OF NEW PLAY,)2*679. FOR SECURITY UNCLASSIFIED

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REATJONS, HIGHEST PRIORITY HAS BEEN GIVEN TO REGIONAL AIRPORT DEVELOPMENT, REPORTED IN REFTEL C.

3. COMMENT: REJECTION OF FINANCING PROPOSAL WAS EXPECTED. GIVEN NATURE OF PROJECT AND SUDAN'S FINANCIAL SITUATION, MIN OF PLANNING IS DETERMINED THAT PROJECT BE FINANCED ON CONCESSIONARY TERMS. OFFICIAL WAS NOT OPTIMISTIC THAT

ITALIAN CONSORTIUM WILL BE ABLE TO ARRANGE ANY CONCESSIONARY LOANS. HE DID INDICATED THAT SOME SAUDI FINANCING MIGHT BE AVAILABLE IF CO-FINANCING COULD BE FOUND. ALTHOUGH LFEGIONAL AIRPORTS NOW OFFER BEST OPPORTUNITIES FOR U.S. ENGINEERING AND CONSTRUCTION COMPANIES, NEWYAKHARTOUM INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT MAY STILL OFFER SOME OPPORTUNITIES, ESPECIALLY IF MULTILATERAL FINANCING IS ARRANGED. BOGOSIAN

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